മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ.—

1098 ക. 84,389— 2— 8
1099 ക. 81,410—15— 7
1100 ക. 54,485— 8— 9

The total quantity of Marudu timber collected at Vattaparamba.

137. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they ordered collection of *Marudu* timber at Vattaparamba, in Kallur, by private agency and the date;

(b) the rate per candy the Government had to give for such collection;

(c) the total quantity so collected, (2) the total amount expended, (3) the total amount actually realised by the State and (4) the balance of timber, if any, left on the spot;

(d) whether there was any complaint from any of the purchasers regarding the decrease in measurement in the quantity sold, and if so, the exact decrease;

(e) the officer who was deputed to receive (first) and to re-measure (after complaint); and

(f) the net loss to the Government by the transaction together with interest thereon up-to-date?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes; on 10th Thulam 1098 after inviting tenders.

(b) Rs. 5—7—0.

(c) 1) Candies 14,38-0-11-11.
2) Rs. 7,819—3—9.
3) Rs. 5,652—10—2.
4) 383 logs of candies 778-2-19-7¼.

(d) Yes; Cds. 95-5-15-13⅛.

(e) 1. The officer who was first deputed was Mr. C. Govinda Menon, the then Kodasseri Range Officer.

2. The officer who re-measured was Mr. T. Narayana Menon, Divisional Forest Officer, Southern Division.

(f) No definite answer can be given, as the whole quantity has not been disposed of.

138. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it was not a fact that there was a solitary tender for the toplings, etc., of the collected *Marudu* in Kallur;

(b) whether they accepted the offer of anybody else after the stipulated tender time and without the *chalan* essential for the first deposit, and if so, the name of the party;

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(c) whether there is anything in the records of the Forest Office against the party referred to in (b), and whether the department did not know that he was not substantial;

(d) whether that party did not transfer his rights to some one else immediately after, and if so, the name of that party;

(e) whether the late offer made by that party was 'tithe' in excess of the tender;

(f) whether that contract did not remain unfulfilled still, and whether the whole transaction did not result in a loss to the Government?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No tender was accepted after the stipulated time. One tender was accepted without *chalan*, but this was accompanied by cash. The name of the party is Kunnan Pailoth Devassi.

(c) There was a report of the Kodasseri Range Officer against the party in 1097. The department is not aware that he is not substantial.

(d) Yes. B. Muhammad Khan of Ernakulam.

(e) No. His original tender was not exactly in terms of the notification, but was for something in excess. He subsequently consented in writing on his tender alone to take toplings at the rate referred to in the tender.

(f) Yes It remains unfulfilled. Whether it is a loss or not cannot be definitely said now, as the contract is not closed.

The work of the Plantation Ranger.

139. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to state the exact work turned out by the Plantation Ranger in 1101, and whether they could not have that plantation work done without a special Ranger and his staff, while there are the Divisional Officers with personal assistants to them?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The work turned out by the Plantation Ranger in 1101 are :—

1. supervision over areas that are to be operated upon for planting purposes in the year ;
2. supervision of the nurseries that are created to raise the nursery plants for planting purposes ;
3. planting operations in the localities of Vadakkancheri, Puthur, Palappalli and Chettikulam;
4. marking standing trees for thinning works in the plantations ; and
5. carrying out the thinning operations.

The answer to the latter part of the question is in the negative.

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